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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. ADMINISTRATION IS DRAWING UP BRIEF AND TIGHT LISTS OF SPECIFIC POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADORS AT EACH POST, UPDATING AND FOCUSING MORE SHARPLY THOSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN SET FORTH IN CONNECTION WITH BUDGET/POLICY PROCESS. THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WE HAVE DEFINED FOR YOUR MISSION ARE:

2. GENERAL POLITICAL

-- REASSURE THE GOVERNMENT THAT THE U.S. CONTINUES TO BE INTERESTED IN PRESERVING THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF SOUTH-EAST ASIA. (STATE, FIELD)

-- WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT THE GOVERNMENT TENDS TO MAINTAIN A LOW PROFILE ON ISSUES NOT OF DIRECT IMPORTANCE TO IT OR TO ADHERE TO A JOINT ASEAN POSITION, ENCOURAGE SINGAPORE AS  
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A NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY BOTH ARTICULATE AND DYNAMIC IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO STAND UP TO RADICAL LDCS ON CONTENTIOUS ISSUES. (STATE, FIELD)

DEFENSE AND SECURITY

-- EXPRESS TO THE GOVERNMENT OUR NEED FOR CONTINUED AND

IMPROVED ACCESS TO MODEST MILITARY FACILITIES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN U.S. INFLUENCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN AND THEREBY CONTRIBUTE TO REGIONAL STABILITY. (STATE, DOD, FIELD)

-- INDICATE THE WILLINGNESS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO BE RESPONSIVE IN ASSISTING THE GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP A MODEST DEFENSE CAPABILITY THROUGH FMS CASH SALES OF APPROPRIATE MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND THROUGH SELECTIVE MILITARY TRAINING. (STATE, DOD, FIELD)

#### ECONOMIC

-- EXPLORE WHEN INSTRUCTED THE POSSIBILITY OF A U.S.- SINGAPORE INVESTMENT TREATY IN VIEW OF THE LIKELY EVENTUAL PHASE-OUT OF OPIC PROGRAMS FOR THE COUNTRY. (STATE, TREASURY, FIELD)

#### NARCOTICS

-- CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN ITS EFFORTS TO HALT THE USE OF SINGAPORE FOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING, PARTICULARLY THAT DIRECTED TOWARD THE U.S. (STATE, DEA, FIELD)

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-- ENCOURAGE THE GOVERNMENT TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN PERMITTING THE USE OF SINGAPORE AS A COUNTRY OF FIRST ASYLUM FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. (STATE/FIELD)

#### HUMAN RIGHTS

-- KEEP THE GOVERNMENT FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE U.S. ATTACHES TO HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. THE ABOVE LIST PURPOSELY OMITTS SUCH TRADITIONAL "GOALS AND OBJECTIVES" AS IMPROVING RELATIONS, MAINTAINING EXISTING TIES AND ASSOCIATIONS, PROTECTING BUSINESS, EXPANDING TRADE, AND U.S. CITIZEN INTERESTS, AS WELL AS REFERENCES TO IMPLEMENTING BASIC POLICIES OF THE ADMINISTRATION SUCH AS HUMAN RIGHTS, NON-PROLIFERATION, ARMS SALES AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE UNLESS THESE REQUIRE UNUSUAL OR PARTICULAR EMPHASIS OR DE-EMPHASIS IN A GIVEN COUNTRY. NEGOTIATION OF NEW AGREEMENTS OR ON KEY SUBJECTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED AND IF THESE ARE AREAS WHERE SUCH NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED, PLEASE MAKE ADDITIONS OR SUGGESTED CHANGES. WE WOULD LIKE YOUR COMMENTS BY COB SEPTEMBER 6 WASHINGTON

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